

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 2, 2013**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners held a Special Commissioners meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Perry Central High School Library. Commissioners present for the meeting were: Thomas Hauser, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving. A representative from the Perry County News was present along with County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner President, Tom Hauser, introduced the commissioners and explained which districts they represent, but he explained that the commissioners work together on all issues of the county.

The setting of the meeting was similar to that of a "town hall" session with approximately 50 people in attendance.

**BRANCHVILLE-WALKER CEMETERY**

The question was asked if there is anything that the county can do to help with the bank along the Branchville Walker Cemetery. Each year the highway department cleans the ditch and this is making the bank slip and they are losing cemetery ground and afraid that some graves may be slipping. They said it would cost around \$5,500 to \$6,000 to make repairs to the area. Tom stated that he had looked at the site along with the highway superintendent to see what could be done. He also has been in contact with Wayne Hubert the Veterans Service Officer since there are several Civil War Veterans buried in the Cemetery. Tom said he is looking into funding sources because he doesn't want to see the cemetery fall into the road. Another suggestion was to check with the Oil Township Trustee to see if they would have any funds that could help fix the problem.

**BRUSHY HOLLOW SUBDIVISION**

Several property owners from the Brushy Hollow Village attended the meeting to discuss the sewage system for the subdivision. Several of the land owners received letters from developer Tim Huff stating that he will no longer be providing the sewage system for the residents as of May 6, 2013. Tom and Randy both stated that this is a private utility and legally the county should not help the residents, but they have been looking into the issue. Tom said the issue is being worked on by the State, County Attorney and the Mayor of Tell City. If the City of Tell City would take over the sewage system then the residents could be hooked into Tell City sewer line on Highway 37. Tom stated that if the county was to take over the system it would have to be brought up to state standards and a sewer district would have to be developed and this could take up to 3 years. All commissioners advised the residents of Brushy Hollow to hire an attorney that is a specialist in public utilities.

**WATER LINE EXTENSION**

Several residents from Tobin Township attended the meeting to let the commissioners know that they are very interested in getting a water line installed in their part of the county. The residents said they had spoken with And-Tro and Tell City Water, but at this time neither is considering running any water lines into Tobin Township. Tom stated that he knows it is very expensive to run water lines into the rural area of Perry County. It was suggested that maybe residents could work with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in obtaining a grant for a water line.

**PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DETENTION CENTER**

Bill reported that the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center construction is on schedule and they are keeping with in budget. The move in date will be January or February of 2014.

### OLD STATE ROAD 37 SLIDE

Several residents asked where the county commissioners were on opening up old state road 37 near Leopold. Tom stated that if everything goes as planned the state will let bids in August of this year, and construction should be completed by this fall. Tom explained that this is a federal project and the county will only be out 20% of the cost. Tom stated that if the county would not have fixed the road the area would have had to be cleaned up and would have cost the county more money than if it was repaired. After the road is opened this will help with the traffic flow for Perry Central High School.

### AMBULANCE

Several citizens asked what the changes were that an ambulance could be placed at the County Highway Garage/Multi-Purpose Building. Randy stated that he had been reviewing the current contract between Perry County Commissioners and the Hospital on providing ambulance service for the county. Randy explained that the current contract was signed in 1986 and states that the county will provide the ambulances and the building to house the ambulances and the hospital will provide the ambulance service for all of Perry County. Randy stated that he has been discussing with the hospital the possibility of placing an ambulance in the multi-purpose building. He also is looking into what it would cost to house an ambulance and a crew in the multi-purpose building. The commissioners all agreed that there is a need for an ambulance in the northern part of the county, and they will keep working on the issue.

### ROAD ISSUES

Several citizens that travel and also residents that live along the St. Croix Road attended the meeting and asked when and if the rest of the road would be paved. Several years ago a section of the road was paved and they were told that the rest of the road would be paved over the next several years, but nothing else has been done to the road. Tom stated that he had been out and looked at the road with the highway superintendent last year. Tom stated that the reason Perry County does not pave many roads is due to funding and also the cost to maintain a paved road. He stated that a lot of counties are turning paved roads into gravel roads. Randy stated that the highway department is doing a good job of maintaining the current paved roads. Tom stated that he would like to create an advisory board of roads.

A question was asked if there had been any discussion about widening the county road for the new Eagle's Wings Zip Line business. The commissioners said that at this time they were not aware of any widening of the road.

Everyone present agreed that this was a very good idea for a meeting, and thanked the commissioners for having the meeting at Perry Central.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

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Thomas J. Hauser, President

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Bill Amos

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Randy Kleaving

*Minutes prepared by:  
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